

IN THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

1. (currently amended) A method of producing a metallic shaped part, ~~in particular a vehicle body part,~~ from a semifinished product made of an unhardened hot-workable steel sheet, comprising the following method steps:

(I)- providing a semifinished product;

(II)- forming a part blank (10) ~~is formed~~ from the semifinished product (2) by a cold-forming method, ~~in particular a drawing method (process step II);~~

(III)- trimming the part blank (10) ~~is trimmed~~ at the margins to a marginal contour (12') approximately corresponding to the part (1) to be produced ~~(process step III);~~

(IV)- heating and press-hardening the trimmed part blank (17) ~~is heated and press hardened~~ in a hot-forming tool (23) ~~(process step IV).~~

2. (currently amended) The method as claimed in claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein a deep-drawing method is used for shaping the part blank (10) from the semifinished product (2).

3. (currently amended) The method as claimed in claim 1 ~~or 2~~,
~~characterized in that~~ wherein the part blank (10) is
trimmed by ~~means of~~ a mechanical cutting method (15).
4. (currently amended) The method as claimed in claim 3,
~~characterized in that~~ wherein the trimming of the part
blank (10) is effected as part of the cold forming.
5. (currently amended) The method as claimed in claim 1 ~~one of~~
~~the preceding claims~~, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the
tool (23) is cooled with [[a]] brine.
6. (currently amended) The method as claimed in claim 1 ~~one of~~
~~the preceding claims~~, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the
semifinished product (2) is made of an air-hardened steel
alloy.
7. (currently amended) The method as claimed in claim 1 ~~the~~
~~preceding claims~~, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the heating
and hot forming of the trimmed part blank (17) are effected
in an inert-gas atmosphere (26).
8. (currently amended) The method as claimed in claim 7,
~~characterized in that~~ wherein
 (IV)- the part (1) is cooled after the hot forming
~~(process step IV)~~ down to a temperature below the
martensite temperature, [[-]] and is provided immediately

afterward with a surface coating, in particular an anti-corrosion coating.

9. (currently amended) The method as claimed in claim 1 ~~the preceding claims, characterized in that~~ wherein the heating of the trimmed part blank (17) in process step (IV) ~~IV~~ is effected in a continuous furnace (21).
10. (currently amended) The method as claimed in claim 1 ~~one of claims 1 to 8, characterized in that~~ wherein the heating of the trimmed part blank (17) in process step (IV) ~~IV~~ is effected inductively.
11. (new) A method according to claim 1, wherein said metallic shaped part is a motor vehicle body part.
12. (new) A method according to claim 1, of producing a metallic shaped part, wherein said cold-forming method is a drawing method.